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Ludlow Senior Center vows to stay connected

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LUDLOW – To stay connected with their seniors and support them during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ludlow Senior Center is currently offering a variety of resources and programs.

Jodi Zepke, Director of the Senior Center, said that at the center, there is always someone available to answer the phone or return phone calls during their hours, so if a senior is

lonely or needs information on something, they can still contact them. Zepke also said that it is important to leave a message if a staff member does not pick up and to leave a call-back number to ensure that someone will reach out to them later.

The senior center is also offering a “Grab and Go” lunch program. For \$2, seniors can drive up to the center have a freshly cooked meal to enjoy at home. They will be offering stuffed peppers on April 23, Chicken Marsala on April 28,

and Stuffed Porkchops on April 30.

Zepke said that the program has gone very well.

“We did it so that we could get people out of the house for 10 or 15 minutes,” said Zepke. “(Seniors) drive up to the front door of the senior center, we put the meal in their passenger seat, and they drive off, but it gives them a couple of minutes to see us, and we get to see them, and at least we get them out of the four walls for a few minutes.”

Orders can be done over the phone by 11:30 a.m. on the Mondays and Wednesdays before meals are available to pick up, which is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For seniors who do not have a vehicle, Zepke said that the senior center has partnered with WestMass Elder care, who will deliver meals instead. “All somebody has to do is reach out to us, and I send the information to WestMass

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Restaurants, markets serve Ludlow through the COVID-19 pandemic



Randall's Farm in Ludlow.

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LUDLOW – In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, local essential businesses and grocery stores remain open to continue serving the public while the state’s stay-at-home advisory is in effect.

Anyone who is in the mood for Portuguese cuisine is in luck. Tony and Penny’s Restaurant, located on 18 Canterbury St, is still open. Currently, the restaurant opens at 9 a.m., which gives customer the chance to call in, order their food and schedule a pickup time and learn about the specials of the day.

Despite the pandemic, owner Fatima Barroso said that they have not received much of a difference in the customers they serve. She also said that during the beginning of the week, things are usually quiet and as it gets closer to the weekend, they usually get more orders.

For handling takeout orders, Barroso said that when customers come to pick up their food and let them know over that they have arrived over the phone, an employee will bring the meals out to their cars. For more information, visit <http://tonyandpenny.com/> or call 413-583-6351.



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Abudanza Express barbecue

Abudanza Express, a barbecue restaurant on 6 Fuller St., Ludlow, is another business still open. Currently, they are offering their customers the option of either picking up their orders, or having it delivered. They are also currently offering family meal deals, and daily specials such as buy one, get one. Meals include Pasta with Meatballs, Fish and Chips, and more. The restaurant will also be in business during Mother’s Day, and on their Facebook page, already have a menu of what they are offering for the holiday posted.

“Somedays it’s an increase, other days it’s disgusting. It’s tough right now,” said Abudanza

Express owner Luis Maravilha. During the tough days, it can seem like the restaurant is not worth opening, Maravilha said. For more information on the deals Abudanza is offering, visit <https://www.facebook.com/abudanzaexpress/> or call 413-589-9900 to place an order.

Produce Market Randall’s Farm, located on 631 Center St., is another business that continues to serve the public during the pandemic.

“Employees are wearing gloves and masks, we have social distancing in place, we have plexiglass shields up at

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Town delays implementing purple bag trash program

By Elise Linscott
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LUDLOW – After public outcry over the implementation of a trash pickup program requiring residents purchase purple bags and a lack of information about it from the Department of Public Works, town officials decided Tuesday to delay the program until October.

The town’s trash and recycling costs are going up by \$450,000 in fiscal year 2021 under a new contract signed with Waste Management, the town’s trash hauler. The purple bags, which will be available in 14-gallon and 30-gallon sizes, will offset those costs and eventually generate enough revenue for the town to switch to a fully automated system (versus trash haulers picking up bags by hand) and to purchase barrels for each household, which will eliminate the need for purple bags, said Board of Selectmen chair Derek DeBarge.

The change was originally set to go into effect on June 29. But because the DPW didn’t get the information out when they were supposed to, which should have started over the winter with flyers and pamphlets, DeBarge called other town officials, including members of the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Public Works and the DPW and collectively decided Tuesday to delay the program until October 1st.

“The information for this new trash program should have been laid out for the residents of Ludlow long ago when it was brought forth by the Department of Public Works for our residents to have a much better understanding of what the

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Town of Ludlow weekly update

As of April 17, we have approximately 43 positive cases of the COVID-19 virus and unfortunately, 3 reported deaths related to complications from the virus as well. Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those lost to this horrible disease.

If there are Veterans in Town that need assistance, please contact Eric Segundo at 413-385-1790. There are numerous resources available which include food with no income requirements.

We've been getting a lot of questions about the upcoming June 29th changes in our Town trash collection, so I've asked our DPW director to post some information for everyone on the Town's website. Here are some quick bullet points:

Trash

- All Trash will have to in purple bags regardless of whether they are picked up curbside, in a barrel, or brought to the transfer station.
- The curbside pick-up 40-pound weight for your barrel remains in

effect (extra bags can be left outside the barrel)

- Residents will be able to buy purple 14-gallon kitchen bags as well as the 30-gallon large capacity purple bags in various quantities (see website for list of stores where available).

Recycle

- Paper and cardboard will have to kept separate from cans, cartons, and bottles whether they are picked up curbside, in a recycle bin, or barrel labeled as recycle, or brought to the transfer station.

- Curbside pick-up of paper and cardboard will be one week, and cans, cartons, and bottles will be the next week (see the website for how to get recycle schedule).

For my final comments tonight, first let me revisit the growing issue on Cislak Drive. Now, I'd rather appeal to the common sense of the kids who are congregating in large groups there with no regard for their health and safety or to the health and safety of the residents

but, clearly, that hasn't worked. As a result, we are forced to take stronger steps. We have added temporary "No Parking" signs to the "No Loitering" signs which will assist the Police to assess fines for violating these orders. I suggest, yet again, that you stop and do the right thing.

As we get into mid-April, I am hopeful that our patience and resolve will yield positive results in the near future. Though I remain optimistic, I caution all of us that we must stay on course. We must continue our protections and follow the guidelines set forth by our Governor and the CDC. I want to thank all of our First Responders, Front line Workers, those who are making protective masks for people and everyone doing their part to keep each other safe. Please support our local businesses.

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Keeping kids engaged and happy during the Coronavirus outbreak

SPRINGFIELD – With the recent extension of school and daycare closures during the coronavirus pandemic, parents may be seeking additional ideas to ensure their children are continuing to learn and develop, while also fitting in much needed time for play, expression and physical activities.

“There are many ways to approach the plan for how to support kids while they aren’t attending daycare or school in a traditional way. Parents know their children best and there isn’t necessarily a ‘one size fits all’ plan that will work for every child and family,” said Jessica Hagerman, child life specialist and manager of Child Life & Healing Arts at Baystate Children’s Hospital.

“It’s helpful to consider all of the aspects that make a child who they are, including their age, development, educational needs, learning style, interests, energy level, and ability to focus. These may all contribute towards figuring out the best plan that will meet their needs,” she said.

Parents may want to consider creating a routine for some sense of normalcy and to keep the environment somewhat predictable during these very unpredictable times.

“Children may feel a lack of control with all that’s going on around them, so it’s also a great idea to include them in some of the decision-making, and to give choices about activities and plans when appropriate. Staying connected with their school to understand what resources may be available and their requirements for keeping up with academics should certainly be a part of the plan, but this may also be a great time to create some extra fun, memorable experiences in hopes that children as well as parents will look back on this time in a positive way,” said Hagerman.

There are so many great online resources available to families with ideas for games, activities and suggestions to keep children occupied and learning during this social isolation period and beyond, noted the child life specialist.

“A simple search will bring up a wealth of resources and ideas. We also encourage families to find a healthy balance between screen time and screen-free activities. While there is so much to do and learn in the digital world, moderation is important to ensure children are also still engaging in other activities to support their overall development. When children are actively playing and creatively engaging in their environment, it can support their development in incredibly positive ways,” said Hagerman.

She noted this is not an easy time for some parents, many of whom may be juggling being home with their children while still trying to work from home, or who may be trying to coordinate the many aspects of life that are affected by this pandemic.

“Sometimes screen-time may be the one thing that keeps your child content while you sign into that conference call. Being aware of what your kids are accessing when they are on the screen can make all the difference,” said Hagerman.

She also encourages fresh air and exercise and notes that social isolation doesn’t have to mean staying inside, but that it does mean that you should be responsible when you are outside.

“Avoiding public playgrounds and ‘high touch’ areas like climbing structures, or places where others may congregate, is really important for health and safety during this pandemic. If you don’t have a yard or an isolated outdoor space to play, going for walks or riding bikes in areas where you can keep a safe distance from anyone other than those you live with is a good way to still get out and moving. It’s a good idea to be prepared with hand-wipes or sanitizer for any little hands that like to touch everything,” said Hagerman.

Other outdoor activity ideas may

include: creating a chalk obstacle course, treasure hunts, hula-hoop races, planting a garden, having a picnic or blowing bubbles. More details for how to do these are only an internet search away, she said.

For indoor activities, there are always the classics like board games, card games, puzzles, arts and crafts and movie nights.

“You may also have some home improvement projects around the house for kids who are old enough to help. This may be a great time to clean out that old toy chest, sort through your bookshelf, organize the Tupperware drawer, or put away winter clothes,” said Hagerman.

She said now may also be a great time to create a family time capsule. You can download a free copy of “My COVID-19 Time Capsule” created by Natalie Long of Long Creations at <http://letsembark.ca/time-capsule>.

“In five, ten or 20 years from now, you can look back at how you and your family made it through all of the COVID-19 changes,” said Hagerman.

“Also, if you haven’t already joined the slime craze, we suggest trying the ‘Baystate Slime’ recipe. This one is a favorite around our pediatric unit,” she said.

The recipe: 5 oz. school glue, ½ tbsp of baking soda, 2 tbsp. of contact solution, add a small amount of food coloring or acrylic paint for color. Consider adding shaving cream for “fluffy slime” and experimenting with adding small items like beads, glitter or other trinkets to provide texture.

The Baystate Children’s Hospital child life specialist offers the following websites for some additional experiences to consider:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/>

<https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems>

<https://mommypoppins.com/kids/50-easy-science-experiments-for-kids-fun-educational-activities-using-household-stuff>

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DCR postpones fishing start at Quabbin, Wachusett reservoirs

Anglers looking to take advantage of the recreational fishing opportunities at Quabbin, Sudbury and Wachusett reservoirs will have to wait at least another month, following a recent announcement from the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation.

To help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, DCR announced April 3 that the opening of shoreline fishing has been postponed until Saturday, May 9. Boat launch areas at these properties will also open May 9.

At this time, the Quabbin Visitor’s

Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time. As of Feb. 25, the hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Massachusetts Correction Officers Union endorses Chip Harrington for State Representative

MILFORD - The statewide organization, Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union (MCOFU), announced it has endorsed James “Chip” Harrington in his race for State Representative in the 7th Hampden District, which covers Ludlow, Indian Orchard and parts of Chicopee and Belchertown.

In a letter to Harrington informing him of the endorsement, Kevin Flanagan, MCOFU Legislative Representative, wrote, “Nobody will fight harder than James ‘Chip’ Harrington for Public Safety and Correction Officers. As a for-

mer Correction Officer, he will work to support the men and women of Labor and Corrections. His experience as a Police Officer, school committee member and former small business owner will help to improve the quality of lives for the residents in the 7th Hampden District.”

Harrington said, “Having served as a part-time police officer in my town, and knowing the demands placed upon correctional officers, I am honored to have their full support of my candidacy. Correction officers and first responders have my commitment to advocate on

their behalf if I am elected to the legislature. They deserve our support and they are on the front lines of protecting all of us.”

Harrington is currently Program Manager/Volunteer Coordinator for the Department of Correction and has served on the Ludlow School Committee since 2005. He also serves as a special police officer for the Town of Ludlow, served from 1996 to 1999 as legislative aide to Representative Petrolati and served as Ludlow Selectman from 1994 to 1997.

MassWildlife properties remain open

REGION – The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife shares the following information relative to current agency operations and outdoor activities the public can still enjoy during the COVID-19 emergency.

Spending time outdoors is a great way to support physical and mental health year-round. Fishing, boating, wildlife watching, hunting, and simply exploring neighborhoods provide wonderful opportunities to get fresh air an connect with nature. Outdoor activities, and travel to and from those activities, are still permitted. Outdoor users should avoid gathering in groups larger than 10 people. Everyone should provide a safe distance between themselves and others by remaining six feet apart while outdoors.

All Wildlife Management Areas and waters across the commonwealth remain open and available for the public to enjoy. To ensure a positive experience for all WMA visitors, dog handlers are reminded to keep pets leashed, as per usual WMA regulations. MassWildlife encourages the public to visit lesser-known spots and explore the outdoors close to home. If crowded, choose a different location or time to visit.

All fishing and hunting seasons, licensing and regulations remain in effect. Trout stocking isstill ongoing, with most waters in the commonwealth already stocked at least once. Early reports indicate some outstanding fishing. Stocking reports are updated daily and can be viewed at mass.gov/trout. Anglers and other paddlers in canoes and kayaks are reminded they are required to wear a life jacket through May 15.

The Spring Turkey Hunting Season will open April 27, and run through May 23. Only past participants who have completed Basic Hunter Education and the Youth Turkey Hunting Seminar will be able to participate in the Youth Turkey Hunt Day on April 25.

All MassWildlife offices and fish hatcheries are closed to the public until further notice because of the COVID-19 health emergency. Following Gov. Charlie Baker’s State of Emergency Declaration, MassWildlife has canceled all group events and programs through April 15, including all Hunter Education and Angler Education courses.

MassWildlife will continue to implement recommendations from the commonwealth regarding any future closures or cancellations.

Free face shields and masks for first responders

REGION - TigerPress of East Longmeadow is giving away free face shields and masks to all first responders. An ID will be required and quantities are limited. Shields and masks are also available to the public for a reasonable fee to help cover out-of-pocket costs for first responders materials.

According to Reza Shafii, president of TigerPress, “it’s our way of saying thank you to the courageous men and women in our community who unselfishly put their own health in harms way to help keep us safe during this extremely difficult time”. Masks and shields are available at TigerPress, 50 Industrial Drive, East Longmeadow, Monday to Friday



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Recovery online: How 12-step meetings have migrated

By Elise Linscott
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Jeremy F. has been clean from drugs and alcohol for 38 years. In that time, he’s seen other newcomers go from hitting rock bottom to living healthy and sober.

Jeremy now serves as the New England Regional Web Chair for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and said he understands the importance of staying connected and spreading the message of organizations like NA to people who need it. Since the coronavirus outbreak, the 73-year-old also been working tirelessly with local groups, enabling them to get online.

“I believe without meetings, addicts will die,” Jeremy said. “Especially newcomers. I feel a very keen responsibility to make sure they get the information. And that meant getting them all the Zoom information online for them.”

While he isn’t worried about his own recovery being in jeopardy, he’s seen how physical distancing and social isolation has affected others. Just this week, he received an email through NA’s website from a man who said he was hitting rock bottom with cocaine and really needed help. Jeremy sent a

note back with information for a Zoom meeting happening that night.

The meetings have also given him an opportunity to connect with old friends. Jeremy currently lives in Carver, in eastern Massachusetts near Plymouth. He used to live in Maine; thanks to Zoom, he’s able to log on and participate in meetings with his Maine NA community and see more familiar faces.

Of the 50 NA groups in Western Massachusetts, 13 have migrated online, while the other 37 haven’t been meeting, he said. Zoom information and a schedule can be found through the NA New England Region website.

“The way something like NA works is a person who learns how to be clean can easily tell anyone else their experience,” Jeremy said. “They don’t have to be a psychologist, they don’t have to be eloquent, they just have to talk about of their own experience. And if we don’t get together to talk about, to share our experience and give other people guidance and comfort and support, it’s just not going to work.”

Many local Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) groups have also been meeting virtually through Zoom, according to the local Area 31 Intergroup’s website, which has a full schedule and Zoom

meeting IDs. They’re offered daily, with a variety of formats including speaker meetings, discussion groups and literature-focused groups who read and share from texts like the “Big Book” of Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12 Steps and Traditions.

Groups like AA and NA follow a traditional 12-step process to recovery.

Other options for people struggling with addictive behaviors and substance misuse disorders include SMART Recovery, which stands for Self-Management and Recovery Training and follows a science-based approach emphasizing self-empowerment and self-reliance, according to the organization’s website. SMART also offers meetings daily through Zoom.

There are also recovery groups based in Buddhist principles, including Recovery Dharma and Refuge Recovery. These groups, along with SMART Recovery, address addictions ranging from substances like drugs and alcohol to behavioral addictions like co-dependency, eating disorders and sexual maladaptive behaviors, whereas NA and AA groups focus on addictions to particular substances.

One challenge Jeremy and other groups have faced is adequately reach-

ing newcomers, especially those who don’t have access to the internet.

“It used to be with in-person meetings people would come in, they’d get greeted and in NA it was common to hug, sort of like shaking hands in normal society,” Jeremy said. “Of course, that’s very welcoming to feel like you’re hugged and wanted, and people can see each other, they can pick up the emotional tone in the room. At the end of the meeting, people mill around, people will spot newcomers and go over and talk to them and maybe offer a phone number or talk about going out for coffee and ice cream. Newcomers really get a chance to be drawn into the fellowship.”

“When I was new, I felt a sense of being loved. I felt a sense of being really wanted. It’s incredibly attractive. It made me want to stay. We can do something through online meetings, but we can’t really duplicate that.”

Jeremy said recently, he’s been attending more meetings than ever. While he hasn’t seen anyone identify as a newcomer in those half-dozen meetings, he’s said he’s glad for the mutual support and ability to connect with others in recovery during this difficult time.

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the cash register to separate the customer from the cashier,” said owner Karen Randall. “We have somebody cleaning the store seven hours a day while the customers are here wiping down the carts and carriages.” She also said that the store is cleaned and sanitized every night.

Randall said things are busy at the market and they have a lot of different items for their customers to choose from. Randall said as always, there are a big selection of fruits and vege-

tables to choose from, the Homemade Ice Cream from Elsie’s Creamery is being sold in half gallons for now, and the Greenhouse is selling vegetable plants.

Randall also said that they are also selling ready-to-take-out soups, salads and deli sandwiches from the kitchen, among other items that are available. For more information, visit randallsfarm.net, or call 413-589-7071.

Restaurants and grocery store owners said they’re continuing to follow the proper steps to keep their work environments clean.



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Tony and Penny's Restaurant.

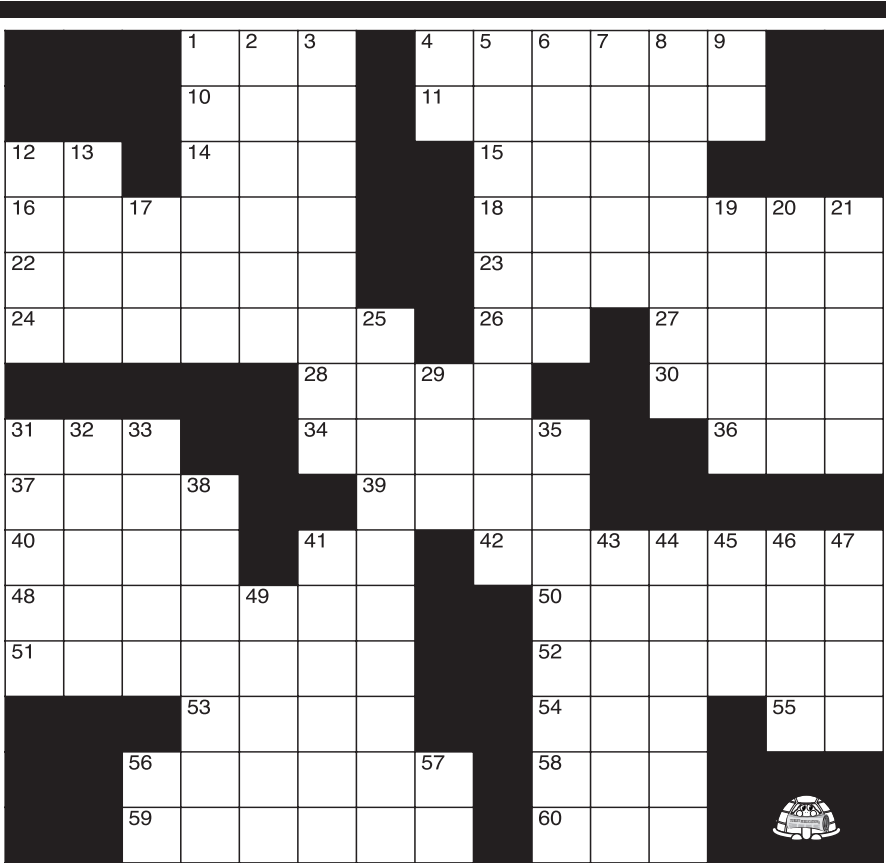
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Elder Care, and the meals start the next day,” said Zepke.

Aside from the Grab and Go program, the center still has telephone S.H.I.N.E. (serving health insurance needs of everyone) meetings to answer questions on insurance, assistance on census forms, and accessible mental health resources such as the National

Alliance on Mental Illness. They are also posting updates on the new senior center, online resources, virtual tours, and information on Zoom classes and activities on their Facebook page.

For more information on what the Senior Center is offering, visit <https://www.facebook.com/LudlowSeniorCenter/>, call 413-583-3564. The senior center is located at 37 Chestnut St.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Revolutions per minute
- 4. Hymns
- 10. Brew
- 11. Did not acknowledge
- 12. Atomic #77
- 14. Partly digested food
- 15. Not one
- 16. Lesotho capital
- 18. Copyreading
- 22. Living organism that feeds on organic matter
- 23. One's biological father
- 24. An aggregate of molecules
- 26. Equally
- 27. Khoikhoi people
- 28. Jump in figure
- 30. Lantern
- 31. TV network
- 34. Georges ___, French philosopher
- 36. Sharp, shrill bark
- 37. Albanian monetary units
- 39. Launched Apollo
- 40. One who graduated
- 41. Exist
- 42. Passed by
- 48. Very unpleasant smell
- 50. Graduates
- 51. Seedless raisin
- 52. Self-protection
- 53. Clue
- 54. Life-savers
- 55. Ingest too much
- 56. Misrepresented
- 58. Small Eurasian deer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Flower cluster
- 2. A form
- 3. Inner organ regions
- 4. Local law enforcement
- 5. A citizen of Senegal
- 6. Positively charged electrodes
- 7. Connects granules
- 8. Business practice
- 9. The Mount Rushmore State
- 12. Leader
- 13. Hindu queen
- 17. Proofreading mark
- 19. European country
- 20. Greek mythological
- 59. Most mocking
- 60. Soviet Socialist Republic
- nymph
- 21. Grandfather
- 25. Clears
- 29. Amount of time
- 31. Mollusks
- 32. German municipality
- 33. Body part
- 35. City of Angels
- 38. Suffocate
- 41. Pleasing to the eye
- 43. Poplar trees (Spanish)
- 44. Ship officer
- 45. Individual investment account (abbr.)
- 46. Prefix meaning within
- 47. Ceased to live
- 49. Day by day
- 56. Not color
- 57. Condition of withdrawal (abbr.)

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When windows are opened or closed

During the spring weeks, anytime a window is opened, there’s a refreshing breath-of-fragrant-fresh-outdoor air that invigorates us. Opening a window on a spring morning invites us to “smell the sunshine” of the beginning moments of a new day.



By Joan E. B. Coombs

While in these weeks of the global COVID-19 Pandemic, we are living, working and studying behind closed doors—instead of being outside with our daily schedules. Whether it’s working outside the home, school, college education on campus, or attending our places of worship, or times of celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, weddings or honoring lives well lived. Some family events have had to be remotely viewed on computer screens or have sadly been postponed.

Yet, countless windows of new awareness, appreciation and awakenings are opening up for us to observe, value, learn from, and help with. New windows of insight have opened informing us of how America is working together to save lives, deliver mail, products and medical equipment, stock and serve in grocery stores, serve in pharmacies, and transport by air, land and sea thereby meeting strategic needs. Restaurants and fast food businesses are safely and efficiently providing drive-thru and pick up meals.

Our nation’s military are actively involved in helping with scientific research, deploying units from coast to coast for meeting urgent medical needs: helping ship and move hospital and surgical supplies, constructing medical units, and reinforcing medical teams serving in emergency rooms front lines, and hospital wards.

Public education is being taught at home until schools and colleges can safely reopen. Across America, homeschooling has been an alternative choice. A homeschooling Mom- Julie L.L., while working in a healthcare-related vocation, still creatively schedules her high school student’s subjects. Current events are included in today’s hot topics and are answered in essay forms. “Lessons they are learning and getting a credit for: Science: What is a Pandemic and how to live through one? Psychology: How to maintain mental health during a Pandemic. Sociology: How empathy and common sense are key issues during a Pandemic. Mathematics: How to measure six feet wherever you go. Statistics: Understand where data is obtained and how to use it with intelligence. Geography: How small the world really is.”

Trucks roll over the highways 24/7 delivering goods nationwide. With restaurants being closed finding food is complicated. Amazingly, truck drivers at interstate truck stops are being surprised with meals contributed by caring, appreciative corporations. On small highway road stops individuals are also showing their appreciation with signs and meals.

It’s being said that, “This is a time when giving matters the most.” There’s a global and national awakening: every day heroes, in all walks of life are helping each other and those in need. In our cities and



GUEST COLUMN

What makes a successful politician?

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

One of the intriguing features of the coronavirus pandemic is how sharply it has illuminated the importance of effective political leadership. Wherever we stand on the political spectrum, we’re looking to elected officials to help steer us through this crisis.

While I don’t want to talk about specific politicians, a lifetime in politics has given me a sense of what makes a good one — as a policy maker, that is, rather than a candidate. One of the ironies of our system is that the skills and attributes that put someone in office are usually not the skills needed for success once they’re there. Yet as a nation we depend on politicians’ abilities in office to move us forward.

For starters, I think the most successful politicians have integrity. When you’re interacting with many others to deal with complex and difficult public policy issues, it’s hugely important that you can trust someone’s word. Most of the politicians I’ve met stay true to what they tell you. They recognize the need to work with others and know that trust matters.

For the same reason, they tend to be skillful at working with all sorts of people. Sizing others up accurately — not just whether they’re trustworthy, but the skills and strengths they might bring to a given policy or organizing effort — is vital. So is not rushing to make quick judgments, but instead letting others show through their actions what they can accomplish. Many good politicians are quite tolerant — they know people make mistakes or errors of judgment, and that nobody has a monopoly on the truth or performs flawlessly.

The best politicians I’ve met — Bill Clinton comes to mind — also have a way of charming people who don’t agree with them. I was in a room once with Clinton and a group of people whom he knew disliked him. He was affable, engaging, listened carefully to what they had to say; you would never have guessed he had any idea what they thought of him. Walking out with them afterward, I asked what they thought. They all responded, “I still have disagreements with him, but what a nice fellow!”

I’ve been impressed over the years by the energy and drive to get things done

that good politicians bring to their work. When I talk with people who want to get into politics, I usually open the conversation with two questions: What’s your energy level? And what’s your spouse or partner think about it? Both are critically important, because as all-consuming as a campaign might be, serving in office is even more so, especially if you’re a politician who wants to accomplish change. An unsupportive spouse or partner spells problems down the road.

At the same time, accomplished politicians know how to rein in their enthusiasm and zeal. They practice patience and perseverance and prepare for the long haul, because they understand that controversial things don’t get easily done in our system. They believe that facts matter, because they’re the starting point for any productive negotiation. And they’re very good at managing their time efficiently.

Good politicians are able to put aside partisan differences when necessary and work for the common good. They do not see someone they disagree with as the enemy.

One of the intriguing things about good politicians is that they don’t just want to serve their country and communities, they also know how to check their egos at the door and act with apparent humility — even when, as is often the case, their egos are quite healthy. I remember when Tip O’Neill was speaker of the House, he’d make sure to let other House members bask in the glow of accomplishment as often as possible. When legislation passed, he’d congratulate everybody involved — he knew what each of us had done to move the ball forward — and you’d walk out of there thinking he’d had nothing to do with it at all, even if he’d orchestrated the whole thing.

I’ll be candid: No politician combines all these traits. But it can’t hurt to keep the ideal in front of us and know what the politicians we elect should strive to be.

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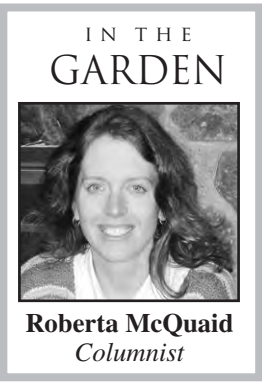
With more time spent at home I am itching to get into the garden, but with temperatures below freezing at night and daytime just topping off in the forties last week what on earth can I possibly plant? Greens!

Spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) is a cool weather crop. Seeds can be sown early, as soon as the ground can be worked. Germination can occur in soils as cold as 45 degrees. Don't worry about chilly morning temperatures hurting young seedlings; spinach will tolerate a light frost. Bolting, or seed-setting, occurs naturally as day lengths reach 14 to 16 hours of light per day.

When the plant begins to bolt more energy is spent on flowering and seed production than on leaf making. Leaves become smaller and are usually bitter in taste. I remove the plants from the garden at this point and sow something else in their place. Many people have good luck planting spinach seeds again in July or August for a fall harvest. Still others sow seeds even later in the season, hoping that with a little protection the plants may overwinter and grow like gangbusters in the cool weather of the following spring.

I harvested my spinach (a variety advertised as "slow to bolt") only two or three times before it began to set seed. For just a couple of meals the effort was hardly worthwhile. Over the last few years, however, I have been experimenting with a variety of so-called spinach substitutes, and so far am delighted by their taste and durability.

The first is New Zealand spinach (*Tetragonia*). Although its name may imply otherwise, this is not a true spinach. Fresh cut it doesn't taste or look like spinach either, but when cooked it will fill in for Popeye's favorite with no questions asked. The beauty of this sprawling plant is in its productivity; just a few plants will produce enough leaves to feed an entire family. Hard, nut-like seeds may take awhile to germinate. I



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

have found that soaking them in warm water for a few hours prior to sowing will soften the seed coat and quicken the process. New Zealand spinach will likely go to seed late in summer. Let a few seeds drop and with any luck some will sprout in place come spring time. Be forewarned, this plant is not frost hardy. To get a head start I sowed my seeds in six-packs and will plant the seedlings outside when the danger of frost has passed.

Swiss chard is one of my favorite greens; it's not exactly like spinach but it can be used similarly. So far I have made two sowings. I tried one extra early, on April 6, and another just today. The first sowing hasn't sprouted yet, and I am curious if the seeds will sit until the weather warms and then I'll have two crops exactly the same time or if one will take the lead. You can either cut the leaves when tiny for use in salads or thin the plants and let the leaves grow large where they can be cooked up in a quick stir fry with other veggies. If you are someone who likes making your own green drinks, try juicing a few leaves with an apple and carrots for a healthy alternative to sugary drinks. Chard is a relative to beets. The leaves are very similar. If you want only a few greens, grow beets and harvest some leaves and some roots.

We may not be able to plant our tomatoes or peppers yet, but we can certainly get our hands dirty by planting some spinach, Swiss chard or even beets, right now!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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program is and why it needs to happen," DeBarge said. "However, because of the fact that the information was not put out in a timely manner, and due to the basic environment we're in right now because of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of the near future and the general public concern over not having said information, I thought it was prudent to contact the chairman of the board of public works and the director of the DPW and talk to them about postponing the implementation of the purple bag program."

Last week, a petition online at change.org started circling and garnered more than 2,000 resident signatures by Tuesday morning.

"The residents of Ludlow pay enough in taxes," the petition stated. "The changes in trash and recycling pickup scheduled to begin in July of this year are inconvenient, expensive, and burdensome to many families, especially during this time of pandemic."

"Those who have signed their names to this petition are against the forthcoming trash and recycling changes and are

urging our elected officials to keep the current system in place, at least for the time being."

DeBarge wrote about the upcoming implementation of the purple bag program in a weekly newsletter update on April 17. Over the weekend, he received a lot of angry phone calls, many of them due to a misunderstanding of what the program is. Once he told people the purple bag program will only be in effect for 18 months or so, they usually calmed down, he said.

"Most of the people that are up in arms about this is because the first they heard about the trash change was my press release on Friday, which caused complete and utter chaos," he said. "That's why we need to do this (delay)."

Once in effect, the 30-gallon purple trash bags, which can hold at least three tall kitchen bags, will cost \$2.25 each. DPW director Mike Suprenant doesn't have a cost estimate for the 14-gallon tall kitchen bags yet, according to DeBarge.

The switch from single-stream to dual-stream recycling will still go into effect on June 29, DeBarge said.

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towns, charitable non-profit organizations are providing medical care, hope, food, clothing, and basic necessities. Churches and synagogues are Live Streaming services and offering spiritual guidance.

Let's view our world through opened windows and appreciate the abundant, generous, heroic workings around us. And, when our windows are closed, especially for protective reasons, let's still see, with transparent clarity, that another day will dawn with "windows of opportunities."

Boston-area donations grow COVID-19 response fund to \$3 million

SPRINGFIELD —The COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley has topped \$3 million in donations and growing, with the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts today reporting the latest donations to the Fund. The Foundation also announced another \$255,000 in emergency grants, bringing the total to \$1 million awarded from the Response Fund to local non-profits serving the immediate needs of the most vulnerable populations affected by the pandemic in Western Massachusetts.

The most recent donations to the Fund reported today include:

- \$250,000 from the Barr Foundation in Boston
- \$107,000 from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts
- \$100,000 from the Vertex Foundation, affiliated with Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. located in Boston
- \$75,000 from an anonymous foundation based in Boston
- \$25,000 from Delta Dental of Massachusetts
- \$25,000 from Berkshire Bank Foundation

This week's grants to nonprofits support health and other urgent services for vulnerable and underserved populations, including limited English speakers, to Gandara Center, ServiceNet, Behavioral Health Network, Clinical and Support Options, Center for New Americans, New North Citizen Council and Enlace de Familias. Clinical Support Options (for Springfield) and ServiceNet (for Greenfield and Northampton) also received grants to cover costs associated with social distancing in shelters they manage. Also, Grow Food Northampton received a grant for food distribution in Greater Northampton.

According to Katie Allan Zobel, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, "I am awed that \$3 million has been donated in the mere three weeks that

the fund as been in existence," said Katie Allan Zobel, president and CEO of Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts. "This outpouring of generosity from across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is a testimony to the goodness and generosity of our people. These donations go directly into the Response Fund and are quickly deployed into the community. Donors can feel confident that their gifts are supporting the critical work in our region of helping those most impacted by the crisis. Together, and working in collaboration with so many on the ground doing the work, we will get through this historic period of need."

Zobel said the funding is targeted where resources have emerged and are desperately needed including in the area of food security where elderly and others are not able to leave home and access food pantries, organizations challenged with obtaining masks and gloves in serving their constituencies, and lack of translation of critical information about safety measures during the pandemic. Resources are also being deployed to address diaper shortages for families with infants and those serving the disabled, and increased requests for mental health supports.

Zobel also stressed that donors are encouraged to make donations directly to nonprofit organizations working to support populations impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, emphasizing that this fund is not a replacement for direct donations to nonprofits.

In addition to donations from business and philanthropic organizations, over 120 individuals have made donations to the CFWM Response Fund.

The Community Foundation welcomes additional donations to the COVID-19 Response Fund for the Pioneer Valley. Gifts can be made online at: www.communityfoundation.org/covid19.

DCR reminds residents to stay safe while outside

State parks remain open

BOSTON – Despite spring weather coming, the Baker-Polito Administration reminds visitors to state parks and other outdoor properties to maintain social distancing of at least six feet, avoid gatherings of people and to practice healthy personal hygiene, to aid in the prevention of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

If visitors of state parks observe areas with high concentrations of people, the public is asked to leave the location and either visit a different park in the area or return at a later date or time.

"While enjoying the commonwealth's natural resources, it remains critically important that we all practice social distancing to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus and protect our frontline workers and the most vulnerable among us," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "We urge the public to keep yourselves and your families safe by avoiding groups of people and going to less crowded places to get exercise and fresh air."

Additionally, while visiting state parks and other locations, the Department of Conservation and Recreation also advises individuals to participate in non-contact recreational activities, for example hiking, bike riding, and jogging. Furthermore, if an individual is ill, over 70, and/or part of a vulnerable population, please stay home to avoid the risk of contracting the disease.

The state parks system has over 450,000 acres of property, and every region of the state has hidden gem state park locations to explore that may be less busy than more popular park locations. The DCR website provides visitors the ability to search state parks by both region and recreational activity.

"The Massachusetts state parks system offers excellent opportunities for us all to get outside, which is important for everybody's mental and physical health," said DCR Commissioner Jim Montgomery. "However, visitors should adhere to staying at home as much as possible to reduce the risk of becoming in contact with the virus and potentially spreading it to others."

Visitors are reminded that the agency has removed trash receptacles throughout the state parks system to aid in the prevention of spreading COVID-19. DCR asks that all visitors of state parks adhere to a "carry in, carry out" trash policy during this public health emergency, and urges visitors do their part to help protect the state's shared natural resources by leaving no trace and taking any trash with them.

DCR has created a Massachusetts State Parks COVID-19 webpage that centralizes virus updates that impact the state parks system. The webpage provides visitors of state parks with information including the closure of certain agency facilities, like visitor centers, playgrounds and restroom facilities and other pertinent information.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

MMWEC offers scholarships to Ludlow, Minnechaug High School Seniors

LUDLOW, Mass. – Applications are open for the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) scholarship program. MMWEC is offering four \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded to qualifying seniors from Ludlow and Minnechaug high schools who are planning to attend either a two- or four-year college. Scholarships will be awarded to two students from Ludlow High School, one Minnechaug student from Hampden, and one Minnechaug student from Wilbraham. Students

must plan to pursue a degree in disciplines related to engineering, environmental sciences, finance, or accounting. Scholarship awards will be based on several factors, including academic achievement and need. All seniors planning to pursue one of the specified academic areas are encouraged to apply, regardless of their class ranking. To be considered, students must submit all required documents including a letter of recommendation from

their guidance counselor and a letter detailing their educational and professional goals. The submission deadline is May 15, and MMWEC will be accepting electronic application submissions for the first time. Application and submission details will be shared with students via their guidance counselors. As part of its commitment to the Ludlow, Hampden and Wilbraham communities, MMWEC has awarded \$48,000 in scholarships to help local students defray the cost of higher edu-

cation since the inception of the scholarship program in 1998. MMWEC is the joint action agency for public power in Massachusetts, providing a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities. MMWEC is the operator and principal owner of the Stony Brook power plant on Moody Street and has been a corporate resident of Ludlow for 43 years.

HCC plans ‘epic celebrations’ for class of 2020

HOLYOKE — In lieu of its traditional spring commencement ceremony at the Mass Mutual Center, Holyoke Community will instead recognize the class of 2020 with a virtual celebration in August and also invite graduates to walk across the stage next year with the class of 2021. “Every year, one of my most anticipated moments is Commencement,” President Christina Royal said in an email communication to students Friday. “As a first-generation college student, I remember how significant Commencement was for my family and me. I take great pride in joining you and your families in celebrating your achievements, and in shaking each of your hands as you walk across the stage. But as we have all seen, the rapid spread of COVID-19 has changed nearly everything. It’s no surprise that we will not be able to host this event in person on May 30.” We must balance our desire to celebrate your academic achievements in all the ways you were expecting with the need to keep our community healthy, which continues to be our highest priority,” she said.

The new plan is for HCC to hold a virtual celebration in August, complete with special remarks, honors and rec-

ognition of graduates. Each member of the class of 2020 will receive a special surprise package in the mail during the summer and be invited to host their own celebrations to share through videos and photos using the hashtag #HolyokeCC20. The exact date for the virtual celebration has not yet been determined. Also, Royal said, “The class of 2020 will have a traditional Commencement in May 2021, where we will celebrate each of you, in person with your loved ones present, along with the class of 2021, on what will be a truly historic day.” Your perseverance toward graduation in these unprecedented times deserves to be celebrated in every way possible,” she said. “On behalf of your faculty and the entire HCC community, I applaud you for your strength and resilience, and will look forward to seeing you virtually in August and at the Mass Mutual Center in May 2021. What epic celebrations these will be!”

HCC scholarship deadline extended to April 22

HOLYOKE - Holyoke Community College is again extending the deadline to apply for scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. The new deadline is Wed., April 22, 2020. The initial deadline had already been pushed back by two weeks to today, Wed., April 8. “As our students continue to navigate the new reality of remote learning in light of COVID-19, flexibility remains critical to our collective success,” said Amanda Sbriscia, HCC vice president of Institutional Advancement. “Over the last few days, it has become increasingly apparent that our students are juggling a lot right now, including very real concerns about their health and the health of their families. In light of these unprecedented times and myriad challenges, we have decided to give them an additional two weeks to complete their applications for the scholarships that so many of them depend upon.” More than \$200,000 in awards is available for incoming, continuing and

transferring HCC students. Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships, which are awarded through the HCC Foundation, HCC’s nonprofit fundraising corporation. Applicants need only fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for students in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities, and scholarships that recognize academic achievement. For the 2019-2020 academic year, the HCC Foundation awarded \$223,000 in scholarships to 231 students. To begin the application process, please go to: www.hcc.edu/scholarships Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at (413) 552-2182 or Donahue 170 on the HCC campus, 303 Homestead Ave.

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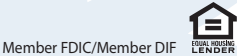
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Second Chance continues to help pets



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Second Chance Worcester Community Veterinary patient Izzy visiting for an appointment. Second Chance is continuing to care for pets.

Focuses on pets in dire need

EAST BROOKFIELD – COVID-19 may have forced Second Chance Animal Services to reschedule their annual dinner auction to Oct. 3, but the nonprofit will not let the postponement interfere with the important work of serving pets that need help right now. Pets will continue to need medical care and emergencies will happen, Second Chance continues to care for pets with urgent medical needs at their three Community Veterinary Hospitals.

“For 20 years, the annual dinner auction has provided major funding for all the Second Chance programs that help pets in need,” said Second Chance CEO Sheryl Blancato. “Right now, the need is great. All three of our vet hospitals are seeing a dramatic increase in pets needing urgent medical care. We need to be here for all these pets.”

To conserve surgical supplies, all non-essential surgeries have been rescheduled and they are directing all emergency surgeries to the North Brookfield vet hospital, which has an

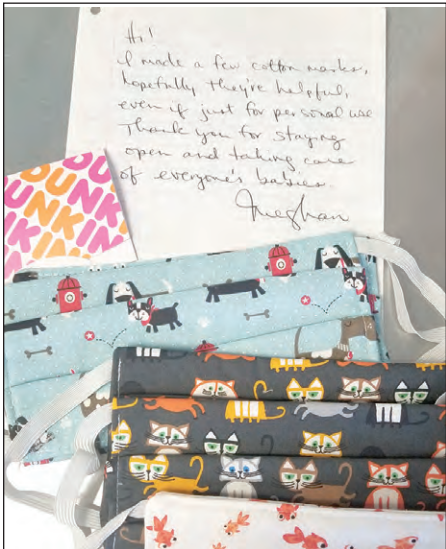
increased surgical capacity and an advanced care unit for critical patients. Additional safeguards have been put in place to protect the staff and pet owners so they can remain open and caring for those in need.

According to the nonprofit’s Facebook page, on a recent day two very sick dogs arrived at Second Chance’s Springfield hospital within an hour of each other, both requiring emergency surgery. Both patients’ care was transferred to the North Brookfield hospital where medical staff worked well into the night, saving both their lives.

“We are touched by the support of pet owners who are grateful we’ve been able to stay open with precautions in place.” Second Chance hospital staff bring pets into the hospital and while pet owners talk to the doctors from the safety of their cars. “At our Worcester hospital, one pet owner stashed homemade masks and a gift card inside their cat’s carrier, along with a note thanking Second Chance for ‘staying open to care for everyone’s babies.’”

Blancato added that she knows times are challenging right now for everyone. For those who are able to help,

donations can be made online at secondchanceanimals.org/donate, on the Second Chance Facebook page or via mail to 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515.



Inside Izzy’s carrier were homemade masks and a gift card along with a thank you note to Second Chance for remaining open during the COVID-19 crisis.

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Only eight service centers are open

Only Customers with Appointment Reservations Will Be Served for Required In-Person Transactions, Effective Friday, March 27th

BOSTON – Effective Friday, March 27, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will be enforcing a strict no walk-in policy at its eight Service Centers open to the general public. The only transactions that will be processed at service centers are those that require an in-person transaction, including Commercial Driving Licenses or Permits (CDLs / CLPs), some new registrations, out of state conversions and new Mass IDs.

Customers who need to complete these transactions will be required to

make an online appointment reservation, and customers arriving without an appointment will be asked to leave and make an appointment online to return at a future date.

Appointment reservations can be made online at www.Mass.Gov/RMV in the myRMV Online Service Center under “Make or Cancel a Reservation.” Customers who make an appointment will be sent a confirmation email that they should be prepared to show on arrival at their designated time at a specific Service Center.

The RMV offers many services online, including renewing motor vehicle registrations, and customers needing these services will only be serviced online at this time. If the service can be completed online, the RMV will not process the transaction in a service center. Renewals for standard driver’s license

and ID credentials can be performed online at www.Mass.Gov/RMV along with more than 40 other transactions that can be conducted online, over the phone, or by mail.

As a reminder, the RMV has already suspended knowledge/written exams and road tests for non-commercial (Class D and Class M) learner’s permits. In addition, the federal government’s REAL ID compliance deadline has been postponed, and is now next year, in October 2021. For this reason, the RMV has suspended at this time the issuance of new REAL IDs.

60-Day Extension of Commercial and Non-Commercial Credentials: All Class D, Class M and Class DM driver’s licenses, ID cards, Learners’ Permits, and commercial driver’s licenses and permits (CDLs / CLPs) with an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and April

30, 2020, have had a 60-day extension applied to their credential, with the exception of customers whose end of stay in the United States is the same as the expiration date on their driver’s license, ID card or Learner’s Permit. Customers eligible for these extensions should wait to visit an RMV Service Center to renew until after the State of Emergency has concluded. CDL Medical Certificates (Med Certs) expiring after March 1 will also have a 60-day extension applied to prevent license downgrades and elective medical visits, as well as alleviate demand on medical providers, during the State of Emergency.

Commercial (CDL / CLP) Transactions and Suspension Hearings

The Milford and Wilmington RMV Service Centers will remain open to exclusively perform walk-in commercial transactions for CDLs and permits (CLPs), and CDL road tests continue to be administered.

Customers may continue to request suspension hearings by visiting a RMV Service Center in-person on a first-come, first-served basis, but under new protocols, customers will be required to submit their application and all required, supporting documentation depending on the type of suspension, before leaving and having a Hearings Officer call the customer directly to conduct their suspension hearing by phone.

Some suspended customers may already be able to complete the reinstatement process and payment online if all other outstanding requirements have been satisfied by visiting www.Mass.Gov/RMV and selecting “Pay my Reinstatement Fees.”

Hearings are being conducted at Boston/Haymarket, Brockton, Fall River, Lawrence, Springfield and Worcester. Hearings at the Pittsfield RMV occur weekly on Wednesdays and no hearings are conducted in Plymouth. Chemical test refusal hearings are only held at Boston/Haymarket.

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Prospects of spring season looking bleak

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – As the state celebrates Patriots Day along with the spring vacation week where many spring teams would normally be playing baseball and lacrosse games at 11 a.m. and 12 noon rather than the tradition 4 p.m. starts, there is nothing happening on any fields this week. The MIAA's Board of Directors, in conjunction with

guidance and recommendations made by the Tournament Management Committee, head into a crucial week seeking to start the spring season on May 4. However, that start date is contingent on Gov. Charlie Baker starting the process of "opening the state back up." Unfortunately, with time waning, and guidance from the federal government, it does not appear as though Massachusetts will be opening up, specifically

for classes, on May 4. No school means no spring sports for athletes across the state. Massachusetts is not among the nearly 30 states in the nation that has shut down school for the remainder of the academic year. Baker has said he does not want to shut schools down for the remainder of the year and was hopefully to get students back into the classroom even for a short period of time. However, the MIAA's current

plan for a 12-game slate and sectional playoff run is contingent on schools being re-opened on May 4. Another delay, which would likely be a minimum of two weeks in length, would be catastrophic to the plan. "We (the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference) came up with a modified schedule for the shortened season," said Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton, a member of the PVIAC Board

of Directors. "But it could up being a futile exercise." Time is running low, but Baker has yet to make a call on whether or not the stay-at-home advisory, non-essential businesses being closed, and schools being shuttered will remain in effect. The last meeting of the MIAA Board of Directors was

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Pioneers will not play 2020 regular season

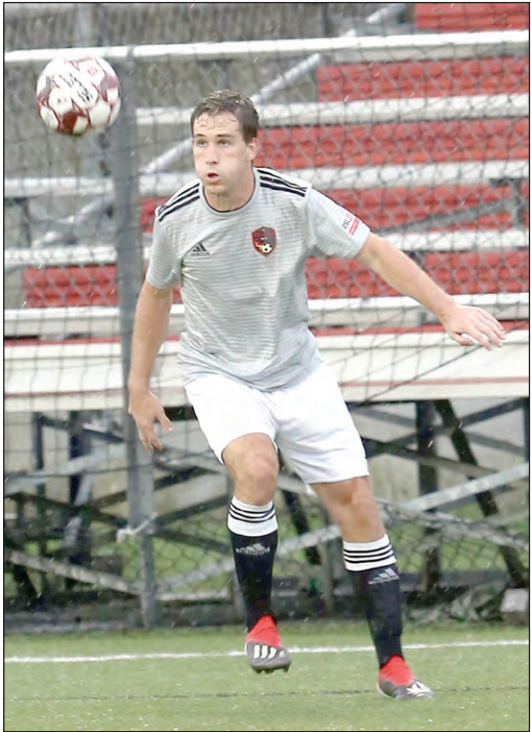
The GM of the team hopes there will be some exhibitions and an Open Cup this year

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LUDLOW – It was an unprecedented season for the Western Mass. Pioneers in the 2019 season. The team made it all the way to conference semifinals last year before suffering their first defeat of the season. Now, with plenty of players from last season and their coach returning, they will not have the opportunity to follow up on that great success. The USL-Two announced last Wednesday that the Northeast Division has made the difficult decision not to participate in any type of 2020 regular season due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Greg Kolodziey, the general manager of the Pioneers, expressed disappointment in the fact the Pioneers will not be able to follow up on what they accomplished last season. "Yeah, definitely crazy and unprecedented times," said Kolodziey. "We were extremely excited about this season. We had a good group of players returning from last year's team along with some excellent new recruits. We had qualified for the U.S. Open Cup, and were looking forward to some fun and exciting games at the stadium this summer. So on that note it's a bit disheartening." Kolodziey said he is hopeful the team will get the opportunity to play some games this season. He is hoping to see the Open Cup be rescheduled and possibly have some exhibition matches later this year.

"But obviously some things are out of your control," he said. "But as of this week, the US Open Cup has not made a decision as to what they are doing with their tournament, so there is a chance we could be playing if they choose to go ahead with it."



Guillermo Deal tries to settle a ball during last year's division clinching game.



Micah Umeh sends a shot away.



Several defenders create a way to block a free kick.

"Other than that, we will monitor the health situation in the coming weeks and try to provide our great fans with some action at the stadium when and if we can. We are hoping to schedule exhibition games and for the young soccer players in the area, put together our summer soccer camp program."

The league released a statement last Wednesday addressing the 2020 season: These are unprecedented times as the world faces a challenging COVID-19 health crisis. And while the issues at hand are about much more than sport, as supporters of our clubs we want

to share with you our appreciation for the patience you have shown as we worked closely with league officials as well as local, state, and national health authorities to understand the impact of this global pandemic on

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Blue Sox looking to start regular season on time

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox were champions of the New England Collegiate Baseball League in 2017 and 2018. They made it to the semifinals in last year's playoffs. Now, more than ever, college athletes will be looking at leagues like the NECBL to make their mark for their colleges and prospective baseball scouts. The NECBL released a statement recently regarding the status of the 2020 season, currently set to open in up early June: We continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing situation involving the outbreak of COVID-19 and its impact on our 2020 summer season. We are hopeful that we will play baseball this summer, and we continue to plan for our summer season, including accommodating college seniors who are now eligible to play and what our season may look like. That said, our first priority is the health and well-being of our players, host families and fans. As part of our monitoring we are communicating with MLB, the NCAA and the National Alliance of Collegiate Summer Baseball. We will regularly review decisions and guidance from federal, state and local officials, and the leadership of our host communities to obtain the most current information on the virus, and to understand and implement the most current recommendations and directives.

As we assess this changing situation, foremost we recognize that college athletes lost their spring season, and because of this, summer baseball is more important to our players and coaches than ever before. That's why – even in the context of today – we will

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Athlete of the Week

NAME: Donovan Dwyer
 TOWN: Ludlow

The Ludlow grappler was a participant in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 wrestling tournament held in February.

To nominate someone for Athlete of the Week, contact Managing Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at 413-283-8393 ext. 258 or send an e-mail to gscibelli@turley.com.

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Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players for 2020 season

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother’s Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league

still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheel-baseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league’s commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. Tryouts will be taking place in the early weeks of April, weather permitting, with a draft following the tryouts.

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held by teleconference on Thursday, April 16. At the meeting, the board voted on some simple items, stating that in a cost-saving measure, tournament semifinal games would be held at the site of the higher seed. Semifinals and finals are normally held on neutral turf.

However, in the case of baseball and softball, UMass and Western New England University have been that neutral turf. College campuses have remained closed, and it is very possible colleges may not want events at their

fields. Some colleges have even talked about continuing distance learning until a vaccine is found for the coronavirus.

While it was not a formal vote, the minutes of the meeting note that more than 20 states had officially called off spring sports, specifically. But the MIAA will follow the guidance and expectations made by Gov. Baker.

The next meeting of the MIAA Board of Directors is set for May 5. However, a special meeting could be scheduled sooner if and when Baker makes a decision about the remainder of the school year.

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continue to plan for summer ball and make every extra effort to get our college players on the field. Our season may not look the same, but our role in player development has never been more important. And to our dedicated

fans and sponsors, your support has never been more important. We appreciate your long and steadfast support and are hopeful to see you again this summer at the ballpark.

As we make decisions about our summer season, we will keep you fully informed.

T-Birds help out area hospitals with meals

SPRINGFIELD – On Thursday, April 16, the Springfield Thunderbirds will be teaming up with two of their local restaurant partners, Uno Pizzeria & Grill and Nadim’s Downtown Mediterranean Grill, to deliver over 50 meals to staff at both Baystate Medical Center and Mercy Medical Center.

“Though we are not able to play hockey at this time, we want to make sure we are doing our part to give back to the community that has supported us since our inception. This is just one way we are able to say ‘thank you’ to the men and women on the front lines of this pandemic while also proving some support to our local small business partners,” said Nathan Costa, President of the Springfield Thunderbirds.

Uno Pizzeria & Grill will provide lunch to staff members of Baystate’s Adult Acute Care and Acute Neuroscience departments, while Nadim’s will feed Mercy Medical Center’s Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Department.

“We are proud to partner with the Thunderbirds and Unos to feed our medical heroes helping to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. As a business with deep roots in this community, it is important we do our part to help our friends and neighbors get through this crisis,” stated

Nadim Kashouh, chef and owner of Nadim’s Mediterranean Grill.

Funds for the meals will come from the T-Birds Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity established by the franchise to benefit causes in Springfield and surrounding Pioneer Valley communities.

“We are thankful to the Thunderbirds for including us in these special deliveries,” said Uno Pizzeria & Grill owner Michael Hurwitz. “We have a great relationship, and it means a lot for the team to think of us during these times to provide the food for these heroes on the front line.”

The mission of the T-Birds Foundation is to serve the Springfield community and the Pioneer Valley beyond every win and loss through a focus on providing and supporting initiatives in the areas of health and wellness, youth enrichment, and civil service.

“Baystate Health is so grateful food donations that support our healthcare providers as they continue to serve on the frontlines and battle COVID-19,” said the team at the Baystate Health Foundation. “The Springfield Thunderbirds’ generous donation of meals from Uno Pizzeria & Grill for Baystate Health team members is a kind and much appreciated gesture.”

Sign-ups ongoing for Quabbin League

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning players, sign-ups are extended through May 1. New players can also sign up through this date with the draft currently set for May 2.

The league hopes to begin play in early June. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass.

For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/. The league is also in Facebook.

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our upcoming season.

After careful thought and consideration, it was determined that the challenges of our division being spread over multiple states, coupled with the existing health crises, were too great of a risk to our long-term sustainability, and we have therefore made the difficult decision to forego our participation in the 2020 USL League Two season.

“We absolutely support the Northeast Division’s decision,” said USL Vice President Joel Nash. “At the end of the day, it was about much more than soccer and we look forward to welcoming them back even stronger in 2021.”

Every member club in the Northeast has worked tirelessly to provide the highest level

of soccer possible to all of our communities in thrilling, family-friendly environments, each with their own local flavor. However, given the fluidity of the situation and the uncertainty presented to us, we felt the decision was necessary for the greater good of all involved. While we are bitterly disappointed about this turn of events, especially for the fans, players, and our supportive Northeast communities, we also vow to come back better than ever in 2021.

In the meantime, all six Northeast Division clubs encourage everyone within our respective communities to be kind to one another, to look after those in need, and to encourage social distancing as much as possible. As clubs, we will continue to stay active and engaged in our communities off the pitch, and welcome any and all support in those endeavors. Only together can we get through these trying times and come out stronger for it. We will get through this together.

We thought we would give you a quick update. First, we are happy to re-introduce weekly sales. We are cautiously optimistic that the market will slowly return back to its pre-Corona days. Until then our frozen items are proving to be the best value. We encourage you to give these items a try!
 Second, we have posted throughout the store, on our website and on Facebook our health and safety rules. We kindly ask that you adhere to these in order to protect our customers and hard working staff. If you don't have access to or forgot your gloves no worries here! We are providing a pair of free gloves to each shopper as they enter the store. We are all in this together! Be well and stay safe!

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DEATH NOTICES

Brigada, Henrietta (Cira)
Died April 8, 2020
Celebration of Life
at a later date
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Dennis, LeRoy W.
Died April 18, 2020
Celebration of Life
at a later date
Ludlow Funeral Home

Dias, Maria V.
Died April 14, 2020
Memorial Service at
a later date
Ludlow Funeral Home

Ferrier, Jean (Taylor)
Died April 7, 2020
Celebration of Life
at a later date
Ludlow Funeral Home

Santos, Carlos, Sr.
Died April 15, 2020
Memorial Service at
a later date
Ludlow Funeral Home

Henrietta Brigada, 63

CHARLESTON, SC - Henrietta "Henriette/Henri/Henia" (Cira) Brigada, 63, formerly of Charleston, passed away in Charleston, SC on April 8, 2020 from cancer. She was the beloved wife of Thomas "Tom" Brigada, DDS for 39 years.

Henri was born on March 1, 1957, in Ludlow, MA to Rose (Skowron) Cira of Ludlow and the late Rudolph Cira. After graduating from Cathedral High School in 1975, she went on to study art at Berkshire Community College and Southeastern Massachusetts University where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in graphic arts. She married her high school sweetheart, Tom, in Ludlow in 1980.

After working in as an artist and in advertising, she helped build Tom's dental practice and raised their two children, David and Laura. She continued to find time for art, including photography and her beloved "Chart Art." She also enjoyed cooking, gardening, swimming, and walking with neighborhood friends. She lovingly and pa-



tiently cared for Tom during his battle with Parkinson's disease. She will be remembered for her selfless attitude, positive outlook, and unwavering faith.

Tom entered Heaven before her, just three short months earlier. She is also predeceased by her father, Rudolph, and her brother, Frederick. Besides her mother, she is survived by a son David Brigada and his wife Laura of Nashua, NH and daughter Laura Hibbett and her husband Tripp of Charleston, SC; two grandsons James and Paul Brigada; a sister Rosalie Parylak of Ludlow, MA; and two brothers Rudolph and John Cira, both of Ludlow.

A private burial will be held at the Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Exeter. The date and details of a funeral and celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Henri's name to Saint James Chapel (P.O. Box 475, Carolina, RI 02812). For guest book and condolences, averystortifuneralhome.com.

Leroy W. Dennis, 94

LUDLOW - LeRoy W. Dennis, 94, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on April 18, 2020 with his family by his side. He was born in Springfield on September 27, 1925, the first born to Wilfred "Joe" and Luella (Abair) Dennis. While growing up, he worked on the farm and also sold eggs and chickens. At age 17, LeRoy enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp/Air Force, proudly serving during WWII, and retired from his military service as an airplane mechanic in 1985. During his service, he was a 905th Cam Squadron Aircraft mechanic. He painted s B-25 H Mitchell airplane that ended up becoming a model toy by Monogram, which was called "LeRoy's Joy".

Upon marriage, LeRoy moved to Ludlow where he was a faithful communicant of St. Elizabeth Parish formerly St. John the Baptist Church. LeRoy continued his love for airplanes into his retirement and enjoyed building radio controlled airplanes. In his spare time, LeRoy had a passion for fishing, camping in New Hampshire, watching his favorite show "Wicked Tuna" as well as playing the trumpet and the harmonica, which he learned to play while overseas. LeRoy



was the beloved husband of the late Alice T. (Duquette) Dennis, who predeceased him on March 14, 2016; a loving father to Robert Dennis, of Ludlow, James Dennis and wife Michelle, of South Hadley, Martin Dennis and wife Angela, of Springfield, Brian Dennis and wife Katy, of Ludlow, Ann Marie Moreau and husband Mike, of Ludlow, and the late Michael Dennis and late wife Bev; a cherished grandfather of 11; a dear brother-in-law to Elzear Duquette, Jr, of Ludlow, Richard and Paulette Duquette, of West Springfield, Claire DeBlois, of Springfield, and Lucille Duquette, of Springfield; as well as many loving extended family members and dear friends. The Dennis family would like to thank the nurses and staff at Baystate Hospice for their dedicated services in their time of need.

Private services for LeRoy will be held by his family with a Public Celebration of Life Service to be held at a later date to be announced in St. Elizabeth Parish. Ludlow Funeral Home has been entrusted with his care and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in LeRoy's memory to St. Elizabeth Parish 191 Hubbard St. Ludlow, MA. 01056.

Maria V. Dias, 79

LUDLOW - Maria V. Dias fell into the arms of Jesus on April 14, 2020. Born July 18, 1940 in Solveria, Portugal. She was the daughter of Manuel Caixeiro and Ana Vaz. A devoted communicant of our Lady of Fatima Church and retired from Dielectrics.

Maria was as beautiful a person on the inside as she was on the outside. Sincere, honest, loving, straightforward, giving. Her loving family was her whole world. Her eyes would light up each time she saw them. She gave so much of herself to them and was always showering them with her love and affection. Her favorite thing was "I love you, I love you!" Everything she said was truly from the heart- you could always feel Maria's love.

She enjoyed taking walks, pictures, gardening, watching her great-grandchildren's soccer games and family gatherings. She and her loving husband, Fernando were known for always giving their neighbors beautiful vegetables that they grew in their garden. Both heartfelt, and welcoming people.

Maria leaves her loving



husband of 57 years, Fernando; her loving son, Fernando Dias; her devoted and loving daughter, Anna Vital and her husband Tony; her cherished grandchildren, Jason DaCruz and wife Allison, Melissa Premo and husband Ian,

Shawn DaCruz and fiancée Brittanie, Nina Vital, Tanya Vital and husband Marvin, Eric Dias, and Corey Dias; her precious great-grandchildren, Jayden, Maria, Cruz, Landon, Calla, Sadie, Hannah, and Audrey; as well as many loving family members and special friends. Sadly, Maria was predeceased by her grandson Ryan Dias and her sister Lucinda V. DaSilva.

She leaves an emptiness in the hearts of so many, especially in the hearts of her "bubble." We will always give her love, as she always gave hers. Graveside services will be held privately by the family with a public memorial service to be announced for a later date. Donations in Maria's memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association (Diabetes.org) or to the For additional information, please visit www.ludlowfuneralhome.com

Jean Ferrier, 83

LUDLOW - Jean (Taylor) Ferrier, 83, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2020, from advanced COPD. Born in Worcester, daughter of the late Roger B. Taylor and Marion (Jackson) Taylor/DePasquale, she attended



American International College, earning a degree in English, and she went on to be an educator in the Ludlow Public Schools from 1961 to 2001, earning her Master's Degree in Reading, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Special Education along the way. She worked as a First Grade teacher, a ParaProfessional, a Special Education teacher, and a Preschool screener, and affected the lives of hundreds of children over her career. Jean was an avid seamstress, and made inventive clothing when she was younger, and beautiful quilts after retirement. Jean was

the beloved wife of the late Morrison G. Ferrier, who predeceased her in 2015; A loving mother to Andrew J. Ferrier and partner Heather Truelove, and Heather Ferrier-Bacon and her partner, James Sicard. She was an adoring grandmother to Zachary and Joseph Ferrier, Cameron Bacon, and Skyler, Kaitlyn, and Brittany Park. Jean leaves behind her brother, Peter Taylor, of Anchorage Alaska, and also leaves many loving extended family members and dear friends.

A public Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date in Ludlow Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jean's memory to Union Church of Christ Ludlow MA and The Lung Association. For additional information, please visit www.ludlowfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES

Carlos Santos, Sr., 101

LUDLOW - Carlos “Charlie” Santos, Sr., 101, of Ludlow, passed away peacefully at home on April 15, 2020. Born in Ludlow, son of the late Anibel and Anna (De Fonseca) Santos, he was a lifelong resident where he was affectionately known to all as “Charlie”.

Charlie was a United States Army Veteran honorably serving his country during WWII from 1942-1945, and on April 1, 1944, he was awarded the Purple Heart when injured in Monte Casino, Italy. He worked for Daylight Dairy and then as a Crane operator for Jahn Foundry for many years and was an avid sports fan, especially of all Boston teams. Soccer was his first love; he played varsity soccer in HS, cheered for Benfica, and was a founding member of Lusitano Alumni and Fans. Charlie was always active in his community. He was a member of Ludlow Lions Club for 68 years where he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual’s dedication to humanitarian service by the Ludlow Lions Club, a member of the Gremio Lusitano Club, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In May 2018, he received an honorary high school diploma from LHS and in November 2018, was honored as



Ludlow Veteran of the Year. In 1948, Charlie married Laura (Bernardo) Santos, whom he remained happily married to until her passing in 1986.

He leaves behind three children, Carlos Santos Jr. and husband Isaac, Trudy Santos Line, and Scott Santos and wife Patty; seven grandchildren Gregory Santos, Nicholas Line and wife Linda, Kerri Kinne and husband Daniel, Breanna Line and fiancé Rachel Guerin, Scott, Madelyne, and Carlos Santos, along with four great-grandchildren Nathan, Noah, Eleanor, and Malcolm. Charlie was one of nine siblings: Sid Tarbox, Mickey Silva, Lena Oliveira, and the late Morris, Simon, Terry Harasik, Julia Gajewski, and Hilda Belisle; and also leaves behind many loved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

At this time, cremation will take place. A public memorial service honoring Charlie’s life will be celebrated at a later date with Ludlow Funeral Home entrusted with the arrangements. The family has requested that donation be made in Charlie’s memory to Ludlow Lions Club, PO Box 72, Ludlow, Ma. 01056. For additional information please visit ludlowfuneralhome.com

Blood donations needed more than ever during the Coronavirus pandemic

Baystate Health moves its blood donor operation to Holyoke

SPRINGFIELD – As President Donald Trump left the White House briefing room recently during a coronavirus update, someone shouted out “donate blood!”

It was an important message. The need is so much that Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker included blood and platelet donors on his list of essential services issued recently.

America faces a severe blood shortage during the coronavirus pandemic and the U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams is urging healthy individuals to donate blood as the crisis unfolds.

Until further notice during the COVID-19 pandemic, Baystate Health is relocating all blood and platelet donation to 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.

Blood donations will take place daily, Monday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are suggested and can be made by calling 413-794-4600.

Platelet donations will also occur at Whitney Avenue, but are by appointment only at 413-794-4600.

Additional protocols are being implemented during the coronavirus pandemic for the safety and health of donors, including:

Prescreening donors
Extra precautionary cleaning
Spacing out donors to comply with social distancing and group gathering restrictions.

All eligible donors will receive a ticket to Six Flags (for future use, valid through Jan. 3, 2021 and a gift card to Big Y or Dunkin’.

Please contact the Baystate Health Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600 with questions or to make an appointment.

Baker-Polito administration releases income tax guidance

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito administration released guidance regarding the extension of the 2019 state individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15 due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and announced that the Department of Revenue (DOR) will waive any late-file and late-pay penalties for corporate excise returns and payments due April 15 that are filed and paid by July 15.

This guidance, publicized in the form of a Technical Information Release (TIR) from DOR, clarifies that the extension for personal income taxpayers applies to 2019 returns and payments as well as the first installment of estimated tax due April 15. The second installment of estimated tax due June 15 will also now be due July 15.

The extension of the personal income tax return deadline is being implemented pursuant to legislation and applies to personal income tax, estate and trust income tax, and income tax due with a partnership composite return with an April 15 due date. It also ap-

plies to an April 2020 tax installment owed by a personal income taxpayer with respect to deemed repatriated income. Taxpayers that have previously filed their 2019 returns but have not yet made the associated payments have until July 15 to make such payments.

Additionally, DOR will waive late-file and late-pay penalties for corporate excise (including financial institution and insurance premiums excise) returns and payments until July 15. The waiver of penalties applies to corporate excise returns and payments with an original due date of April 15, including those of certain S corporations and non-profits that file on a fiscal-year basis and have tax returns and payments due April 15.

This income tax relief is automatic, and taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms to qualify.

Individuals and companies with questions or concerns regarding taxes can contact the Massachusetts Department of Revenue at 617-887-6367 or send a secure e-message through MassTaxConnect.

Baystate Health suggests a wide range of activities

Activities for kids to do at home

Infants (0 – 12m)

1. Read a book.Your infant loves to hear your voice.
2. Sing a song
Babies love soft rhythms and tunes.
- 3.Peek-a-boo.Baby loves to see your face appear and disappear behind your hands.
4. Tummy Time. Your baby can build muscle strength by spending time on their stomach. Always supervise your baby while on their tummy. Give baby something to look at or explore while doing tummy time.
5. Go for a walk. If the weather is nice, fresh air is great for your baby. Be sure to stay six feet away from others and don’t let other people touch your baby or stroller.

Toddlers (1to 2-years-old)

1. Pots and pan band. Take out your kitchen ware and let your kids create their own music with wooden spoons!
2. Sorting and stacking. Toddlers love to sort and stack. Find a muffin tin and an assortment of trinkets for them to sort in to each section, or blocks, cups, Tupperware containers that they can stack and build.
3. Dance party.Toddlers love to dance. Put on some music and dance with your toddler. You could even mimic your child’s moves for your own exercise similar to James Corden’s Toddlerography on “The Late Late Show.”
4. No mess painting. Drop dots of paint on a piece of paper or canvas. Then cover with plastic wrap and tape the edges well. Let the toddler push the paint around, creating a no mess piece or art. You can also let them get messy and finger paint if you’d like.
5. Animal mimicking. Shout out an animal and have your toddler make the noise and pretend to be that animal. It helps them learn, exercise and create. Help your child act out being a dog, a fish, or an elephant.

Preschoolers (3 to 5-years-old)

1. Backwards Day. Have mac and cheese for breakfast, then do the whole day in reverse, let kids wear their clothes backwards, and end with pancakes for dinner.
2. Build a fort. Use blankets, towels, pillows, and stuffed animal from around the house to build an awesome fort where kids can pretend to be explorers, watch a movie, or read a book.
3. Build a zoo. Using blocks, boxes, or household items, create habitats for your child’s stuffed animals Kids can decorate each exhibit with coloring pages and make up names and backstories for their animals.
4. Look and find. Look around and find an item in the room. Ask your child if they can find the item and bring it back to you. You can make it easy or challenging. Set a timer and challenge each other.
5. Shadow coloring. On a sunny day, line up your favorite toys in the sun. Trace the shadows onto paper and then you can color in your favorite toys! You could use cars, Lego figures, dinosaurs, dolls, stuffed animals... anything that makes a shadow.

School-Aged (6 to 10-years-old)

1. Scavenger hunt. Create a list of items that can be found in your home or yard. Set a timer to see who can find the most the fastest.
2. Sidewalk chalk drawing competition. Yell out an object, animal, or image and let your kids try to draw it on the driveway! You can also do this with paper and markers inside on a rainy day.
3. Have a special family dinner Put a table cloth or sheet on the table, have everyone dress up in their best outfits, use the good silverware and have a fancy dinner together.
4. Science and slime. Look up recipes that you can make at home for slime, cloud slime, molding dough, oobleck and other concoctions. Kids love to mix the ingredients and use their creativity.
5. Create your own game. Have kids make up their own board game, card games, sports or challenges. Be sure to have instructions and rules. Who knows, maybe it will become a real game we can .buy in the store one day.

Tweens (11 to 13-years-old)

1. Chopped Junior Cooking Challenge Give your kids two or three ingredients they must use in their dish. Be sure to supervise your kids in the kitchen, especially with knives and the oven.
2. Try a Tik Tok. Have your child teach you a popular Tick Tok dance. Even if you’re not good at dancing or feel embarrassed, it will make your child feel good to teach you something that they love.

3. Connect with friends online. Use free apps like House Party to video chat with friends, but you can also play games like Heads Up and Pictionary through the app.

4. Dress-up Apples to Apples Similar to the card game, challenge your child to pick out an outfit for a specific event: concert, school, skiing, beach day or other event. Set a timer and have the kids race to their rooms and select an appropriate outfit. Judge who you think picked the best one. The winner picks the next category. Make sure the kids know they have to fold and put away all of their clothes at the end of the game.

5. Recreate childhood photos Go through old photos, in print or digitally, to pick out some of your favorites. Try to recreate the image using props, the same family members, and poses. This will be a fun trip down memory lane and is guaranteed to bring the laughs.

Teens (14-years-old and older)

1. Learn a new skill.Use Youtube or online resources to learn how to sew, code, play and instrument or cook.
2. Drawing/Writing.You can look up writing and drawing prompts online and see where your creativity takes you.
3. Pokemon Go or Wizards Unite Augmented reality games can be played outside from a safe distance from others or even from the car. If your teen is playing, be sure to have a designated driver who has eyes on the road and is not engaged in the game.
4. Exercise. Practice skills from your favorite sport or try classes online like yoga or Zumba.
5. Learn a new language. Rosetta Stone is offering free courses.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

For more information on news or community features for The Ludlow Register, please email ludlowregister@turley.com.



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ONGOING

THE MICHAEL J. DIAS FOUNDATION sponsors a support group for families and friends whose loved one is affected by an alcohol/substance use disorder. The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Healthsouth, 222 State St., Ludlow. All are welcome! If you have any questions, call Maureen at 413-563-6226.

LUDLOW SENIOR CENTER 55 AND OVER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE will be held at East Street School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. The cost to take part is \$20 per year. For more information contact the Senior Center Activities Director at Activity@ludlow.ma.us or 413-583-3564 ext. 1310.

WESTERN MASS RELICS SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Slow pitch with two divisions (50-plus and 65-plus). All games played at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club from May to Labor Day. Registration forms and information available at www.wmass-relics.com.

QUABBIN VALLEY TWIRLERS If you missed the first lessons in the fall, now is the time to give yourself a gift of dancing enjoyment for the coming holiday time. Do you want some exercise, mental acuity, and lots of fun with great people? Try our national folk dance, square dancing with the Quabbin Valley Twirlers. They dance in Belchertown and Ludlow with Sunday and Wednesday evenings available. For more information, call Gloria or Fran at 413-467-3352.

BIBLE STUDY: A weekly Bible study led by Ludlow resident Hank Bastos takes place Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at 343 Winsor St., Ludlow. Call 348-6487 for more information.

SHARE YOUR SIGHT. Volunteer to read, shop or walk with a blind or vision impaired person in your community. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1-888-613-2777 for details.

EVENTS

Editor's note: As towns, schools and clubs continue to assess the threat posed by coronavirus, many are making the decision to cancel or postpone their public events, often with little notice.

The *Register* will inform readers about cancellations when known and when the newspaper's weekly deadline will permit, but readers should be aware of the possibility that events featured in the printed newspaper, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled without enough notice to print an update. The *Register* encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers to confirm that it is still taking place before attending.

TRIPS

The Polish American Veterans of Wilbraham are planning the following trips in 2020.

QUEEN ESTHER The three-day tour to see "Queen Esther" in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Aug. 26 to28 includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at the Bird in Hand Inn, two breakfast buffets at the hotel. Dinner show "Josiah for President" (Dinner #1) and Miller's Smorgasbord (Dinner #2). "Queen Esther" will have reserved orchestra seats up front. There will be Mount Hope Winery visit, Bird in Hand Farmers Market and Sands Casino visit. There will be a Stop at Mistoris Kitchen Kettle Village and Longwood Gardens. Portchester Diner on return home (meal on own). Baggage handling, all taxes and driver's gratuity included Cost is \$455 for double occupancy, \$435 for triple occupancy and \$575 for single. Deposit of \$75 at sign up, balance due July 15. Cancellation protection \$39 per person. Bus departs 7 a.m.

DOLLY & KENNY at The Stadium Theater, Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Thursday, Sept. 24. Bringing back Dave & Karen for a second show. Sold out the first show. Package includes motor coach transportation, chicken dinner at Wrights Chicken Restaurant. natinee tribute show with Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers, meal taxes and gratuities. Karen Hester is Dolly Parton and David Karl is Kenny Rogers. Cost is \$92 per person. Final payment due Aug. 28. Bus departs 10 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

"GHOST OF A CHANCE" at The Newport Playhouse & Cabaret in Rhode Island. A Victorian-era

tragedy is re-enacted in a supposedly haunted house. Package includes roundtrip motor coach, buffet luncheon, Playhouse Comedy Show, a Cabaret Show (two shows), meal taxes and gratuities. Buffet menu includes lettuce bowl, potato salad, beets and onion salad, three-bean salad, bbq ribs, sausage and peppers, roasted chicken, baked ham, baked beans, sweet potatoes, assorted desserts, coffee and tea. Cost \$102 per person and payment is due Sept. 21. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. from PAV, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard.

For more information on any of the above trips or to reserve a seat call Rich Gosciminski at 413-583-4610. Make checks payable to Polish American Veterans. Mail to Rich Gosciminski, 149 Center St., Apt. #1, Ludlow, MA, 01056. All trips depart from P.A.V, 1124 Berkshire Ave., Indian Orchard, MA.

VERMONT – July 27-30, 2020 - Deluxe hotel in downtown Burlington, Church Street Marketplace, Shelburne Museum, Hildene Lincoln Estate, dinner cruise on Lake Champlain, Stowe aerial gondola up Mt. Mansfield, Rock of Ages Granite Factory & Quarry tour, Ben & Jerry's tour, Trapp Family Lodge lunch, Quechee Gorge, Cold Hollow Cider, Woodstock, Vermont Country Store; seven meals, luggage handling, driver and guide gratuities included: \$1,099 pp doubles. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – Sept. 8-15, 2020 - Eight days, 12 meals: Spend three nights near the Santa Monica Pier with an extensive tour of Los Angelos including Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Visit Catalina Island and spend two nights in San Diego with Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo. Also, Palm Springs for two nights with a gondola ride up San Jacinto Mountain. \$3,199 pp doubles, includes air, deluxe hotels, all gratuities and more.

Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

9 TO 5 MUSICAL The Catholic Woman's Club of the Diocese of Springfield invites area residents to join the club for a bus trip to see "9 to 5 The Musical" by Dolly Parton, at the Westchester-Broadway Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y., on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The bus leaves the Big Y parking lot in Ludlow at 7:30 a.m. and. returns about 7:30 p.m. Attendees can choose their lunch entree off the menu. Tickets are \$100 and seating is assigned as checks are received. The deadline for payment is June 20. Call Ruth at 413-531-3506 for more information.

SOUTH AFRICA – Oct. 14-26 and Oct. 26-Nov. 7, 2020 – Two departures to choose from, each13 days with 20 meals. Visit Cape Town and Johannesburg including Soweto and the home of Nelson Mandela. Spend four days in Kruger and Chobe Nat'l Parks with eight safari game drives, and two days at Victoria Falls, the world's largest waterfall. \$6,995 pp doubles includes air, 4-star accommodations, transfers, ALL gratuities and much more. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

SAN ANTONIO HOLIDAY – Dec. 3-7, 2020 – Four days at Westin Hotel on the city's Riverwalk, illuminated for the holidays. Also, city tour, river cruise, Mexican Marketplace, Alamo, Mission San José, LBJ Ranch, German community of Fredericksburg decorated for Christmas, Museum of the Pacific War and more. \$2,149 pp doubles includes air, taxes, luggage handling, and transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Contact Jim Martin at 413-583-6339 or jameslmartin47@gmail.com.

POLANIE CLUB TRIPS

For information and reservations on any of

the following trips. please call Loretta @ 413-592-7350, Stacy @ 413-593-1172, or Dianne @ 413-214-3822.Trips depart from Szot Park, Chicopee and Stop & Shop, West Springfield. Make payments to LORETTA GOYETTE 582 E. Main St. Chicopee, Ma .01020

QUEEN ESTHER at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster,Pa. June 9-11, includes deluxe motor coach, two nights at Comfort Inn, Lancaster with two breakfasts, one dinner at the Mount Hope Estate & Winery and one dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, Improv Comedy Show, the Queen Esther Show, Village Insider at Kitchen Kettle Village, visit to the Old Windmill Farm, and a ride aboard the Strasburg Railroad through the Amish Farmlands. Cost \$ 521. pp. double/triple. due April 21, 2020.

CRUISING GLOUCESTER HARBOR , Sunday, July 26, 2020. Buffet Lunch aboard the Beauport Princess with DJ music and light narration. visit Rockport and shop in the many galleries. Cost \$ 114. pp \$25. deposit due with reservation Final payment due June 19, 2020.

THE EDWARDS TWINS, Thursday, August 13, 2020. The Number One Impersonation act in the world. Their vocals and looks are amazing. Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, Ct. Coffee & Donuts on arrival, Family Style Menu: Salad, Chicken ala Kathryn, Broiled Scrod, vegetable, potato, dessert, beverage. Cost \$103. pp. \$25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due July 3, 2020

UNCHAINED MELODY: Tuesday, September 22, 2020. starring Jimmy Russo & The Chords, dynamic entertainment at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. Family style meal with

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Church DIRECTORY

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
41 Warsaw Ave., Ludlow
413-583-2630

Pastor Rev. Raymond A. Soltys
Saturday Vigil Masses – 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Masses – 7:30 a.m.; 8:45 a.m. (Polish);
10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Mass – 5:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
25 Parker St., Indian Orchard
413-543-3627

Pastor Rev. Jeffrey Ballou
Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Monday through Friday
Sunday Mass – 8 a.m. (English)
10 a.m. (Polish/English)
5 p.m. (English)
Morning Masses (Monday through Saturday) 8 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)
Vigil Mass on Holy Days of Obligation – 7 p.m.
Holy Day of Obligation Masses – 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
438 Winsor St., Ludlow
413-583-2312
Father Vitor Oliveira
Sunday Masses – 9 a.m. (Portuguese);
11 a.m. (English)
Monday and Wednesday Morning
Masses – 8:30 a.m. (Portuguese)
Tuesday and Friday Masses – 5:30 p.m. (Portuguese)
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m. (English)
First Saturday of the Month – 8:30 a.m.
For more information, visit
ourladyoffatimaparish.org.

FAITH COMMUNITY CHAPEL
485 EAST ST. LUDLOW, MA 01056
413-583-7875
www.faithcommunitychapel.org
[email: faithcommunitychapel8@gmail.com](mailto:faithcommunitychapel8@gmail.com)
Pastor Jon P. Scott
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Services:
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Fellowship with coffee and donuts
11 a.m. Worship Service
See Faith Community Chapel Facebook for updates.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Ludlow Christian Fellowship
Bible Study: Hank Bastos, Leader
Call: 413-348-6487 for more information

ORCHARD COVENANT CHURCH
95 BERKSHIRE STREET
INDIAN ORCHARD, MA 01151
413-543-4204
REV. NANCY EBNER, PASTOR
Sunday School-9:45 a.m. for all ages
Worship-11 a.m., coffee hour follows
Sunday at 6 p.m. -Gambler's Anonymous/Gamanon
Thursday at 7 p.m.-Choir Practice, new members welcome!
Third Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m.-
Men's Fellowship Breakfast
See our website for more information:
www.orchardcovenant.org.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
123 Hubbard St., Ludlow
413-583-5754
Rev. Richard Pagano
Pastor's office hours
by appointment
Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays – AA 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays – AA 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Thursday and Saturday – Outreach

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
584 West St., Ludlow
413-583-8454
S Sunday services
Sacrament Meeting 10- 11 A.M.
Sunday school for adults, Young single adults(18-30) and teens (11-18)- 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Women- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Adult Religious/Marriage and Parenting for Men- 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 11-12 noon
Classes for Single Adults(18-30)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month -11- 12 noon
Classes for Young Men(11-18)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 11-12 noon
Classes for Young Women (11-18)- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month - 11-12 noon
Children's classes: Sunday school & singing time every Sunday(3-10) 11- 12 noon
Nursery providedfor ages 18 month- 3 yr

THE FIRST CHURCH IN LUDLOW
859 Center St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
413-583-3339 or 413-583-6834
Reverend Donald Fenestre-Marek
Pastor

Office Hours:
Thursdays: 12 p.m.-4 p.m.
Fridays: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Visit our website at www.ludlow-first.com
Worship Services – 9 a.m.
Sunday mornings
Church School, Nursery and
Coffee Hour after service.
Wednesdays – 7:30 p.m. – AA meetings
Please contact us regarding our
Fellowship Hall rental.
First Church thrift/gift
shop hours:
Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sundays from 9:45-10:30 a.m.

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH
191 HUBBARD ST., LUDLOW
413-583-3467
PASTOR – REV. MSGR. HOMER P. GOSSELIN
IN RESIDENCE – REV. NORMAN BOLTON
DEACONS, NORMAND GRONDIN, THOMAS RICKSON, KEITH DAVIES (ROBERT DUVAL, RETIRED)
Office Hours – Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm
Visit our website at www.stelizabethludlow.org

UNION CHURCH OF CHRIST (United Church of Christ)
51 Center St., Ludlow
413-583-5717
Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey K. Erb
Worship Service and Sunday School: Sunday, 10 a.m. (Fellowship hour following)
Office Hours: Wednesday, 9 a.m. to noon
Choir Practice: Sunday, 9 a.m.

STS. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
45 Newbury St.
Ludlow, MA 01056
Phone: 413-583-2140
Pastor: Father Andriy Krip
Liturgy schedule:
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.
Sunday 8 a.m

Tapestry to remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic

SPRINGFIELD – Tapestry addresses different issues such as the opioid epidemic, the risk of HIV-infections and lack of access to basic needs like food, contraception and screening for infection are still being provided despite the pandemic.

Tapestry CEO, Cheryl Zoll said these healthcare issues are “exacerbated by a crisis like this that drives people apart and makes service delivery more difficult.”

“I’ve been so moved by the courageous response of our employees at this challenging moment, as it highlights the depth of their dedication not only to the work, but also to the communities we serve,” Zoll said. “In response to this pandemic we have evolved the way we provide care.”

The WIC family nutrition programs re-

sponded by moving to provide all services online or by phone. Enrollment in the program is up, Tapestry is now able to refill families’ food benefits remotely, allowing the program to meet the increased demand for relief during this time of financial insecurity and fear. For safety and efficiency, the three WIC offices have been the Main St. Springfield headquarters and staff are available by phone from Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. call 413-737-8868 to enroll or coordinate services.

Harm Reduction has gone mobile.

Delivering Narcan and safer supplies and focusing on ways to increase secondary distribution. Tapestry is collaborating with agencies to cover drop-in center services like distribution of hygiene kits and supplies for those people who are un-

housed, with little to no access to sanitary facilities. Tapestry partnered with Baystate Health to expand our mobile fleet to cover delivery services in areas of Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin County. The syringe service programs are still open in all four counties of western Massachusetts. To keep everyone as safe as possible, on-site hours are now 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours for mobile services. To arrange Narcan or safer supplies delivery call or text 413-221-7722 for Hampshire/Franklin County and 413-270-3277 for Hampden County.

Sexual and reproductive health has implemented a telehealth system, in which sexually transmitted infections, prescriptions for birth control and emergency contraception among other services are available. Take home pregnancy test kits and referrals for lab work as needed are being offered as needed. Tapestry is also pre-

screening those that need direct, in-person care, which still providing at several clinics. In order to minimize contact and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the hours of operations have been changed. The hours are now 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Not all locations are open daily so people are advised to call ahead before coming to any clinic site. Phone numbers for all clinics can be found at tapestryhealth.org/sexual-and-reproductive-health-clinic.

Across the agency we have heightened screening procedures and streamlined office hours based on CDC recommendations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and make it possible for Tapestry to continue to serve the community as safely as possible during this crisis. We are advising everyone to call ahead before coming to any Tapestry site. Phone numbers for all Tapestry locations can be found at tapestryhealth.org/find-us.

BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

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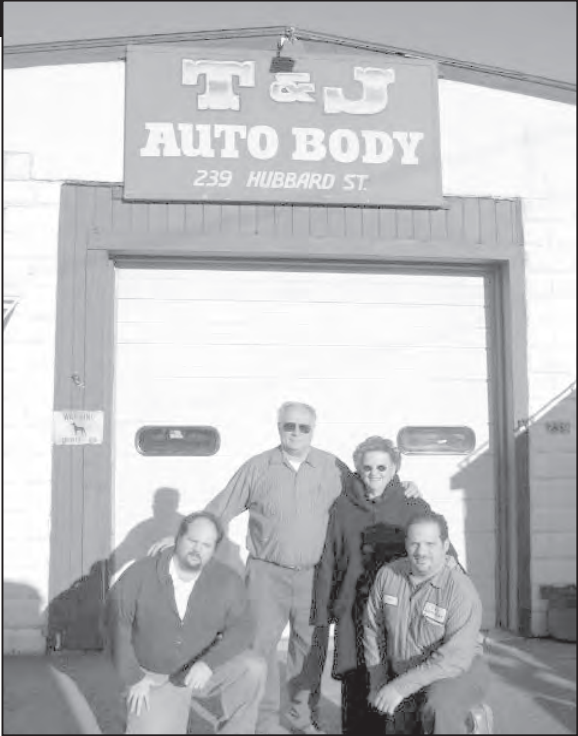
Chicken Parmesan, Roast Pork, Pasta with homemade sauce, potato, vegetable, dessert , soda & coffee. Carafes of Red & White Wine on every table. Cost: \$93. pp . \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due August 14, 2020.

A BOB HOPE USO STYLE TRIBUTE: Thursday,

November 12, 2020, featuring Bill Johnson and Holly Faris. at The Grand Oak Villa, Oakville, Ct. A tribute to America's Veterans. Family style meal Salad, Pasta, Roast Turkey with Gravy and Sliced Roast Beef with gravy, roasted potato, Vegetable, dessert, soda & coffee. Carafes of Red and white Wine on every table. Cost \$ 94. pp \$ 25 deposit due with reservation. Final payment due October 2, 2020.

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HOME OCCUPATION**

The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:40 p.m.*** on the application of Dennis and Melanie Fialho for property located at **169 Stevens Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – property management.**

***COVID-19: Please be advised** that by the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the April 30, 2020 Ludlow Planning Board public hearing shall be physically closed to the public.

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The hearing will be available for viewing on cable access channel 191. Instructions for Live Stream via LCTV's Website are available on the home page of the Town's Website.

If for any reason this hearing is cancelled, it will be rescheduled to Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 4:40PM.

Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
4/15, 4/22/2020

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.*** on the application of Steve Levesque for property located at **154 Cedar Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – landscaping.**

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4/22/2020

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:45 p.m.*** on the application of Paul Babiec for property located at **69 Amherst Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – home remodeling.**

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Chairman
4/15, 4/22/2020

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room on **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:35 p.m.*** on the application of Robert Ziemba for property located at **26 Wilno Avenue, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – small machine shop.**

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Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
4/15, 4/22/2020

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The Ludlow Planning Board will hold a public hearing in Ludlow Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room

on **Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 4:50 p.m.*** on the application of Brandon Underwood for property located at **17 Maple Street, Ludlow, MA for Home Office – landscaping.**

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Raymond Phoenix
Chairman
4/15, 4/22/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Conference Room, 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA 01056 on **Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6:10 p.m.**

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Upon petition of: **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. AND NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY-Center Street- Place (1)** jointly owned pole number T.276 Y2/E.44M on the northwesterly side of Center Street at a point approximately three hundred eighteen (318) feet northeasterly from the centerline of Harding Avenue.

Reason: Place (1) jointly owned pole on Center Street top accommodate a request for new service; and to provide support to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications and the transmission of high and low voltage electric current.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Derek DeBarge, Chairman
Carmina Fernandes
Manuel Silva
Antonio Goncalves
William Rosenblum
Ludlow Board of Selectmen
4/22/2020

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Upon petition of: **VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. AND NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a EVERSOURCE ENERGY-Fuller Street- Place (1)** jointly owned pole number T.39 Y2/E.35 on the westerly side of Fuller Street at a point approximately six hundred seventy-eight (678) feet southerly from the centerline of Bridle Path Circle.

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Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

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Ludlow Board of Selectmen
4/22/2020

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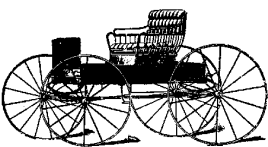
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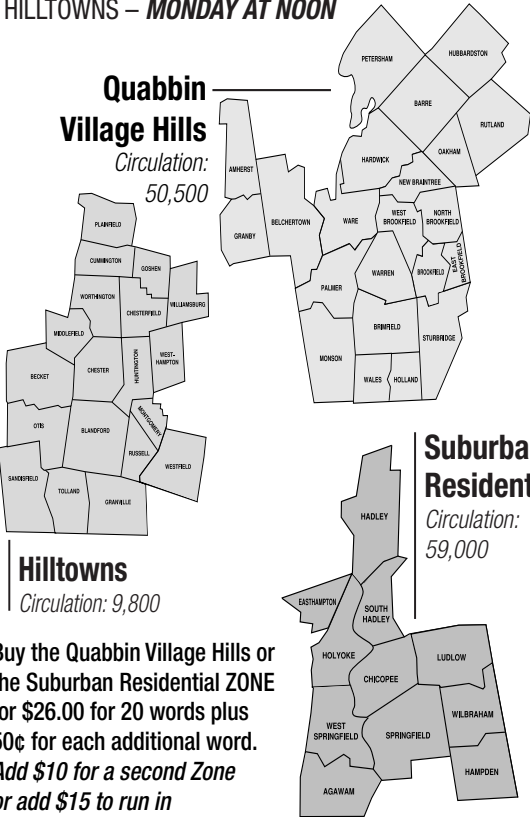
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